

voice which closed off our weekends with highlights, insights, and the sports stories which not only gave us the score but let us in on so much more: a look at the athletes and a look at ourselves. I thank Bruce Cunningham for all the memories, as our grateful city and state will miss him dearly.

HONORING NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILIES LEARNING PRESIDENT SHARON DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 17, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Darling, President and Founder of the National Center for Families Learning and former Kentucky Director of Adult and Community Education, as she begins her well-earned and much-deserved retirement after years of dedication to the advancement of education policy and family literacy.

For decades, Sharon has served as a national leader in family learning, making NCFL a go-to resource for all who are working to make adult literacy not only a priority, but a powerful tool for breaking the cycles of poverty that limit far too many families. Without her pioneering work, the very definition of family literacy that our federal government relies on to steer the policies that help countless Americans would not exist. It is not an exaggeration to say that Sharon Darling helped write the lesson plan for America's comprehensive approach to intergenerational learning, because that's exactly what she did.

Her day-to-day presence will be sorely missed by her colleagues and all whose lives she has touched, but I'm thrilled to know that Sharon is staying on to serve as an active member of NCFL's Board of Directors and will continue to support the organization in a variety of ways. Even in retirement, she will help continue the success of NCFL in the years ahead as they continue under the leadership of Dr. Felicia C. Smith.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Sharon said, "Never did I expect my life to unfold how it has, but each day I am grateful to all those who believe in the tremendous power of multigenerational learning." On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and all who know Sharon Darling, let me say that we are all incredibly grateful that her life unfolded as it did, and that millions of Americans—including the more than 4.5 million parents and children across the 150 communities in 39 states and Washington, D.C. served by NCFL—are all better for her life's work.

I thank Sharon for her selfless dedication to improving the lives of others through learning. I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt has been a leader on behalf of communities of color in Santa Maria and Lompoc for over two decades.

Lawanda has been the President of the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP chapter for more than 14 years. Inspired by her early childhood experiences in segregated Mississippi before eventually moving to Santa Maria after high school, Lawanda has long served as a record-keeper for Black families in the area and organizer of community events that emphasize the importance of honoring Black history.

In her longstanding commitment to resolving racial injustice like she experienced as a child, Lawanda worked in the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office for over three decades. After earning her degree in criminology from Cal State Long Beach, Lawanda became an investigator for the Public Defender's Office in 1984. Eleven years later, she was named the department's Chief Investigator, making her the first African American woman in California to serve in that position. Lawanda made a career of treating people with compassion and respect, working to ensure that each defendant received their constitutional right to a good defense.

Where Lawanda sees a need, she takes action. After the murder of George Floyd, she used her position on the Santa Maria Police Department's police advisory board to call for the creation of a civilian review board to investigate officers accused of abuse and help rebuild trust between the police and community.

With the many daunting challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, her leadership has guided many in the community to safely face those challenges. In the destructive wake of COVID-19, Lawanda became a trusted source for information about the virus and the vaccine. She is a strong advocate for COVID-19 vaccination within the BIPOC community, taking the time to talk through questions and fears, helping to ease vaccine hesitancy and encourage individuals to protect themselves and those around them. She gives so much of her time, energy, and resources to serve our community.

Lawanda's openness and commitment to her community is a testament to her selflessness. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds.

I am honored to recognize Lawanda for her continued commitment to uplifting and advocating for Black communities across the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Lawanda

Lyons-Pruitt, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING DAVID McBRIDE'S SERVICE TO THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 17, 2022

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center, David McBride, on his retirement after many years of service to the scientific community.

Pursuing his passion for aeronautics research, David kicked off his career with NASA as a cooperative education student in 1982. Specializing in digital flight control systems analysis, he explored the way in which aircraft perform under an array of flight test conditions. Wanting to continue his interest in the field, David received both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of New Mexico, earning his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1985 and Executive Master of Business Administration in 1998.

Upon graduation, David climbed the ranks at NASA Armstrong, eventually becoming Program Manager for the Flight Research Program, as well as Deputy Center Director and Associate Director for Programs and Projects. In these roles, David was integral in the study, development, and testing of groundbreaking technologies, including the Intelligent Flight Control System, X-53 Active Aeroelastic Wing flight research project, and solar-powered Helios aircraft.

In 2010, David was appointed Director of the Armstrong Flight Research Center, formerly the Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center. Under his leadership, NASA Armstrong remained the premier research center for aeronautics in the United States. In fact, NASA Armstrong conducted critical flight development tests over the years, including the notable testing of the X-48B/C hybrid wing body experimental aircraft and the testing of NASA Orion's launch and abort systems. Additionally, during David's tenure as Director, NASA Armstrong's Boeing 747SP SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) project became fully operational—a feat that has allowed our nation's foremost scientists to further our nation's scientific understanding.

Throughout his career, David has devoted himself to exploring new frontiers and building upon NASA Armstrong's proud legacy of scientific discovery. Though he will be greatly missed at the Armstrong Flight Research Center, I am confident David will continue to be a force in the world of scientific development. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I would like to thank David for his service to our community, and I wish him and his family the very best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.